

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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This application is a divisional application of application Serial. No. 09/265,222, filed March 5, 1999, ^{now U.S. Patent No. 6579682} which claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/077,618, filed March 10, 1998, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-13, 15-17, and 21-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 14 and 19-20 as follows:

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14. (Once Amended) An apo-B100 protein comprising a proteoglycan receptor⁺ mutation in Site B.

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19. (Once Amended) A polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of Site B in the apo-B100 protein according to claim 14, wherein said Site B is flanked on at least one side by a contiguous sequence of at least 10 amino acids which is directly adjacent to Site B in the wild-type human apo-B100 sequence.

20. (Once Amended) An LDL particle comprising an apo-B100 protein according to claim 14.

REMARKS

Following entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 14 and 18-20 will be pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error, and claims 19 and 20 have been amended to correct dependencies. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims and specification by the current amendment with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**"

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